

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Attached hereto is a Letter to the Official Draftsperson that includes five (5) sheets of formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The formal drawings address the informalities indicated on the PTO-948, Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, which was attached to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 23, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that the attached formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

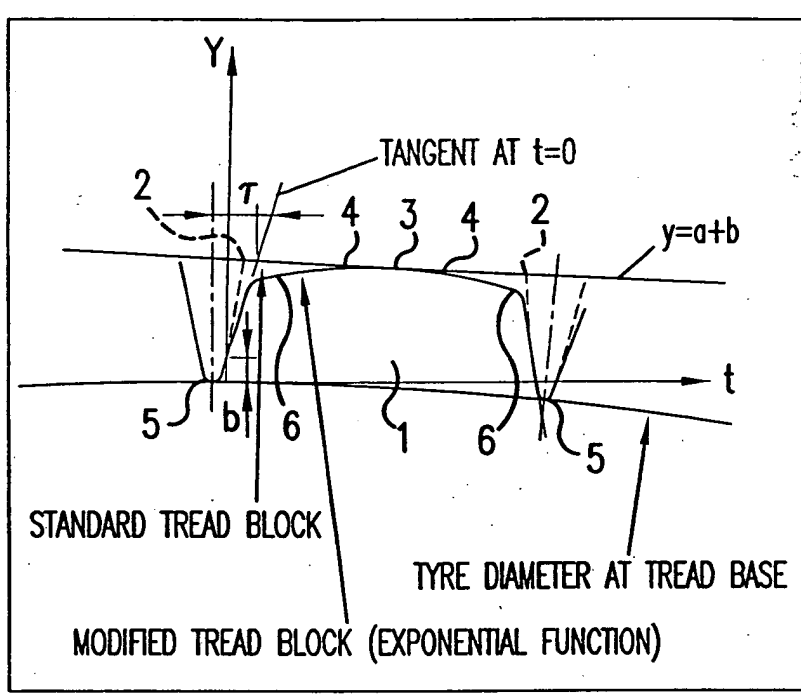


FIG.1

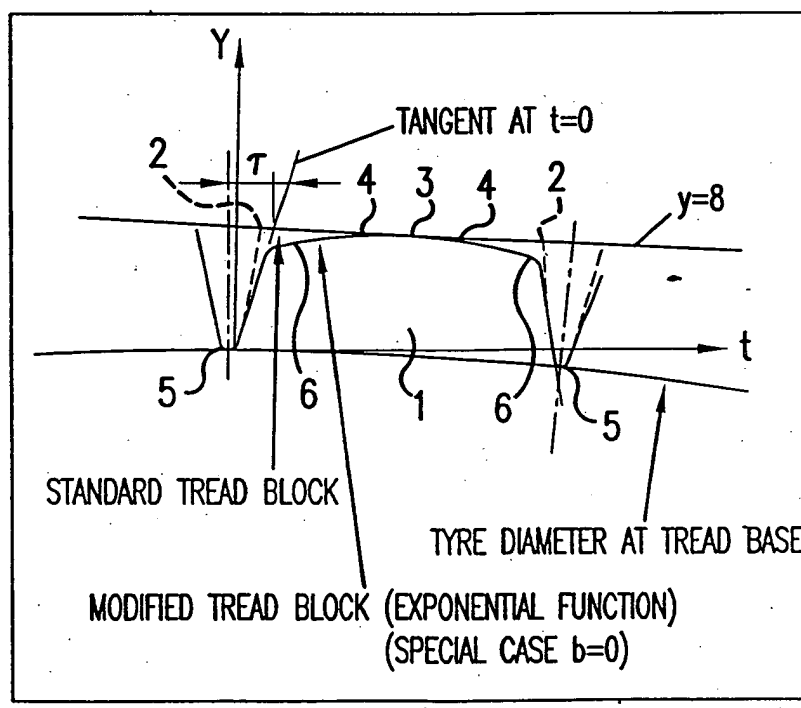


FIG.2

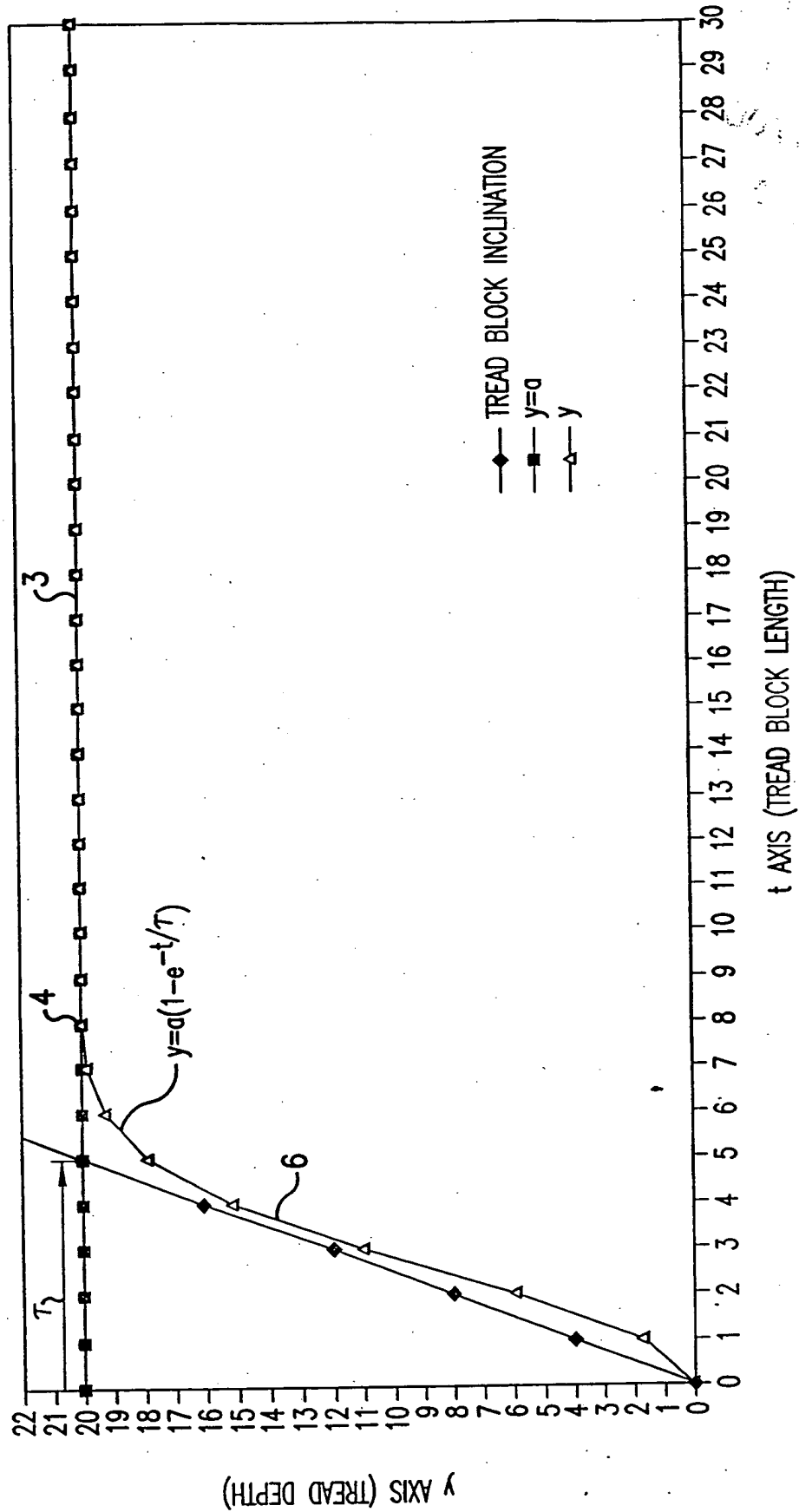


FIG.3



GROOVE ANGLE 11° AT TREAD RUN-OUT  
GROOVE ANGLE 17° AT TREAD ENTRY

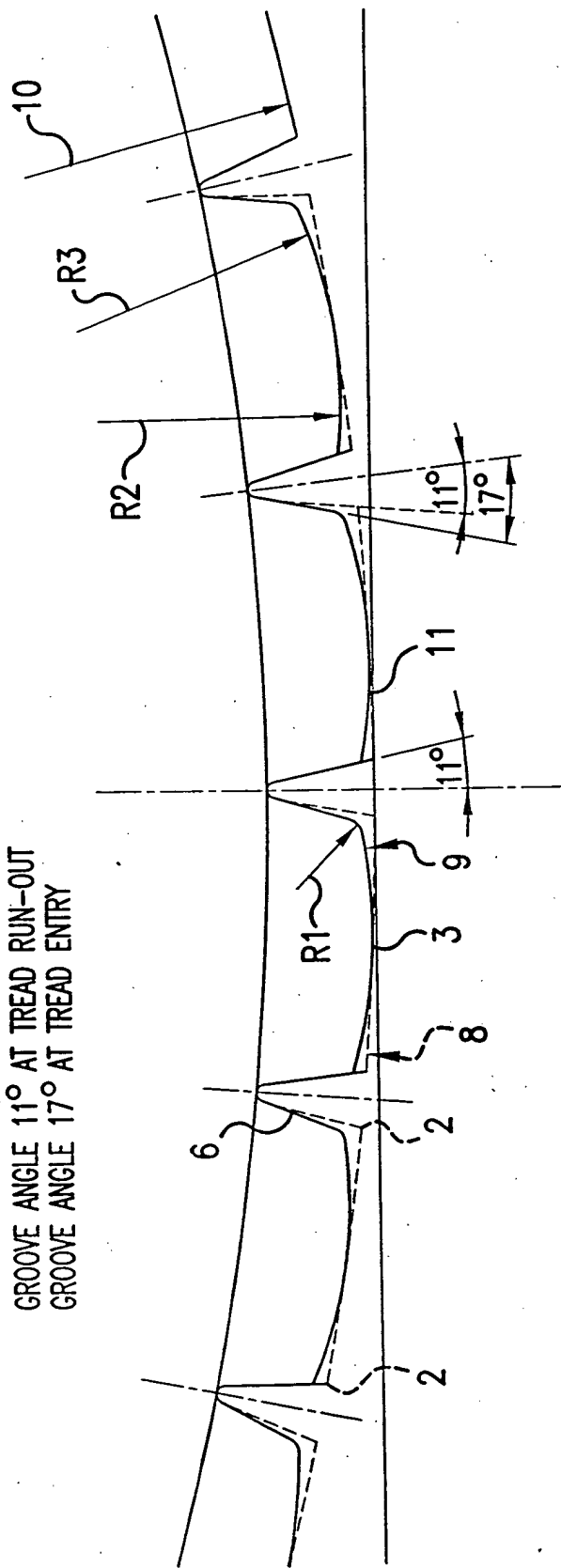


FIG.4



GROOVE ANGLE  $0^{\circ}$  AT TREAD RUN-OUT  
GROOVE ANGLE  $23^{\circ}$  AT TREAD ENTRY

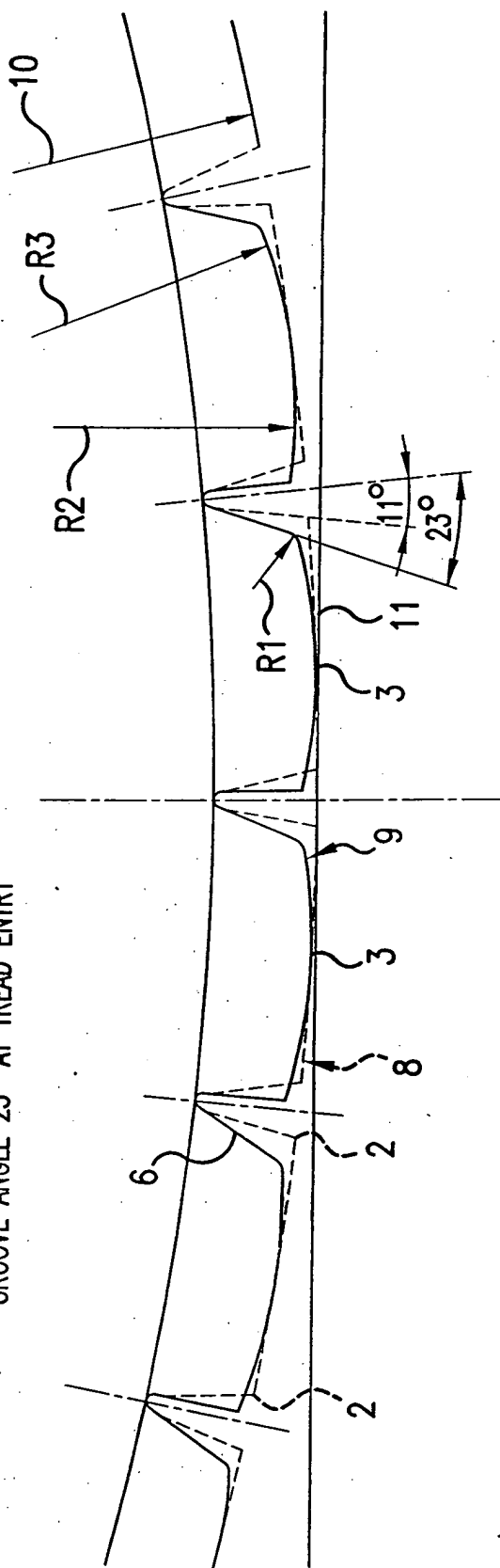


FIG.5



GROOVE ANGLE  $11^{\circ}$  AT TREAD RUN-OUT  
GROOVE ANGLE  $23^{\circ}$  AT TREAD ENTRY

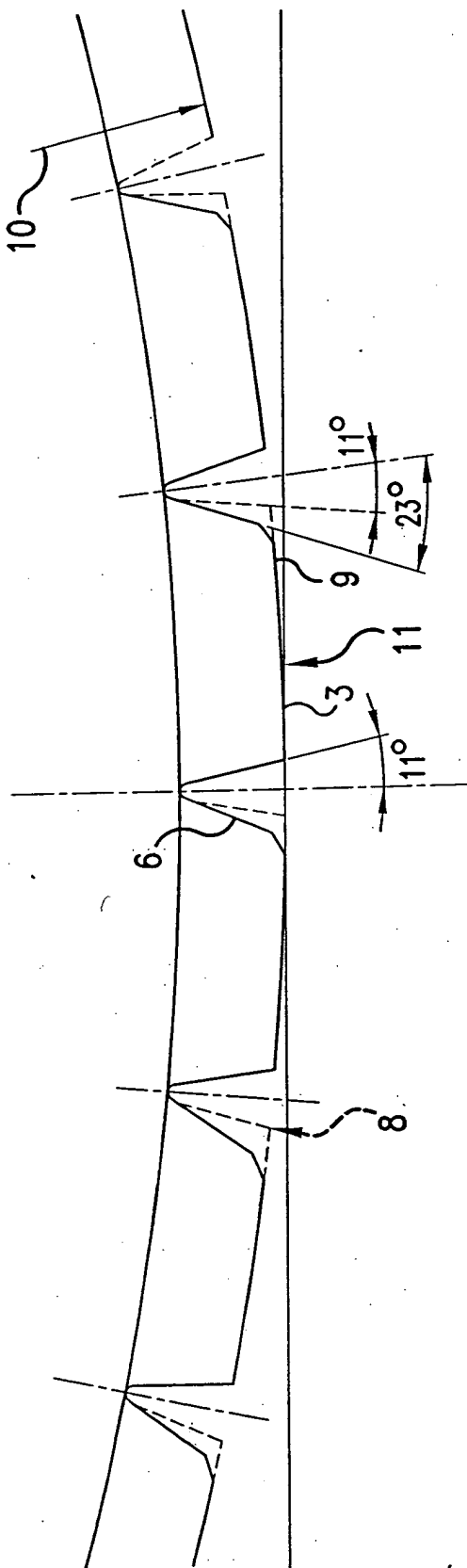


FIG.6